THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana".

(c) and (d) The problems of handloom sector have been discussed on several occasions with various functionaries involved in the handloom sector and based on the outcome of such discussions, the Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana has been formulated. The Government proposes to announce introduction of scheme within this financial year.

Scheme to review the draft New Textiles Policy

†452. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to review the draft New Textile Policy; and

(b) whether Government are also considering any scheme to solve the issue regarding restructuring of the National Textile Corporation; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The New Textile Policy has not been announced.

(b) Since 8 out of the 9 subsidiaries of NTC are before BIFR at present, no decision has been taken regarding changes to the brought about in the structure of the National Textile Corporation.

Implementation of the Multi Fibre Agreement

†453. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the era of new economic policy and rapid globalization, textile industry of the country is passing through a phase of catastrophe;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is going to implement the Multi Fibre Agreement;

(d) if so, by when; and

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.